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SUBJECT: JULY 10 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL  
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. ROBERT KAISER AND WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST  
REPORT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS DECIDING WHETHER TO OFFI-  
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CIALLY INFORM THE SOVIET UNION THAT US IS OPTING FOR MULTI-  
PLE-HOLE BASING SYSTEM FOR ASSURING PROTECTION OF US LAND-  
BASED INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES. THE TEXT STATES  
THAT ADMINISTRATION SENIOR ADVISERS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO  
CARTER THAT SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE INFORM ANDREI GROMYKO  
THIS WEEK IN GENEVA OR CHIEF US SALT NEGOTIATOR PAUL WARNE  
SHOULD INFORM HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART THAT "UNITED STATES

IS LEANING TOWARD THE NEW BASING SYSTEM." ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FEAR THAT SOVIETS MAY REACT NEGATIVELY, PERHAPS JEOPARDIZING THE SALT PROCESS. HOWEVER, OTHER OFFICIALS FEEL THAT A MOVE OF THIS KIND MUST BE MADE TO ASSURE ICBM PROTECTION AND CALM CONCERN OF SALT CRITICS WORRIED ABOUT ICBM VULNERABILITY. MULTIPLE-HOLE BASING SYSTEM OPTION WILL ONLY BE EXERCISED IN PERIOD AFTER EXPIRATION OF 3-YEAR PROTOCOL EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY A SALT TWO AGREEMENT. KAISER AND PINCUS NOTE THAT SOME SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

OFFICIALS ARE OPPOSED TO THE MULTIPLE-HOLE BASING SYSTEM, KNOWN AS MAP (MULTIPLE AIMING POINTS), BECAUSE IT RAISES UNUSUAL VERIFICATION PROBLEMS IN ALLOWING LIVE MISSILES TO BE MOVED AT RANDOM IN A FIELD OF EMPTY HOLES, THUS MAKING IT HARDER FOR SOVIET PLANNERS TO TARGET ON US ICBMS. MAP COULD ALSO OPEN UP A WHOLE NEW ROUND IN THE ARMS RACE, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, THOUGH U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT IN AGREEING TO AN OPTION OF THIS NATURE, THERE WOULD BE A STIPULATION THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WILL NOT TRY TO HIDE THEIR MISSILES FROM DETECTION, SO THAT EACH IS CONVINCED THE OTHER SIDE IS MAINTAINING THE ALLOWED NUMBER OF MISSILES, DESPITE THE NEW HOLES. FINAL DECISION IS STILL SOME DISTANCE IN THE FUTURE.

2. NEW YORK TIME'S RICHARD BURT ALSO PUBLISHED A STORY ON MULTIPLE-HOLE BASING, ASSERTING THAT WITHOUT U.S. HAVING UNCLASSIFIED

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AN OPTION OF THIS NATURE, A COMPLETED SALT TWO AGREEMENT WOULD NOT GAIN NEEDED SENATE RATIFICATION. BURT REPORTS THAT THE PLAN WILL BE DELIVERED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE DURING TALKS THIS WEEK WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO. GENEVA MEETING IS VIEWED AS CRUCIAL IF HOPES TO ACHIEVE A SALT TWO AGREEMENT THIS YEAR ARE TO BE KEPT ALIVE.

3. GRAHAM HOVEY OF NEW YORK TIMES STATES THAT CYRUS VANCE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 8 THE CANCELLATION OF TWO GOVERNMENT MISSIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION--ONE FROM EPA AND ANOTHER HEADED BY CARTER'S SCIENCE ADVISER, FRANK PRESS. HOWEVER, VANCE REPORTED THAT HE WOULD STILL GO TO GENEVA AS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY FOR SALT TWO TALKS WITH ANDREI GROMYKO. READING A 300-WORD STATEMENT AT STATE DEPARTMENT ON SATURDAY, VANCE SAID THE TRIALS WOULD "INEVITABLY AFFECT THE CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONS." AND ASIDE FROM EXPRESSING HIS OWN CRITICISM, VANCE WILL ALSO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM CARTER ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DISSIDENT TRIALS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE TEXT ALSO REPORTED THAT SENATOR JACOB JAVITS (R-NY) EXPRESSED PROTEST OVER THE SOVIET TRIALS AND PROPOSED THAT VANCE'S SCHEDULED TRIP TO GENEVA BE DEFERRED.

4. IN A SYNDICATED COLUMN IN THE BALTIMORE SUN, JOSEPH KRAFT, WRITING FROM MOSCOW, STATES THAT THE SOVIETS ARE KEEPING DETENTE ALIVE "AGAINST THE DAY IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SIGN A NEW ARMS CONTROL TREATY." DURING THE INTERIM, HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO CONTROL SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND AMERICANS WHO MAKE THEIR DISSIDENT ACTIONS KNOWN TO THE WORLD. CITING THE TRIALS OF ALEXANDER GINZBURG AND ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY AND THE CHARGES AGAINST AMERICAN JOURNALISTS CRAIG WHITNEY OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND HAROLD PIPER OF THE BALTIMORE, KRAFT NOTES THAT

THE SOVIETS ARE EXPRESSING TOUGHNESS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE CARTER IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PUSH THROUGH WHAT REALLY  
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INTERESTS THE SOVIETS, NAMELY SALT TWO. KRAFT ALSO STATES THAT THERE IS LITTLE SOVIET INTEREST IN ACCELERATING PROGRESS DURING TALKS BETWEEN VANCE AND GROMYKO THIS WEEK. KRAFT NOTES SPECULATION BY SOVIET ANALYSTS WHO FEEL BREZHNEV'S HOLD IS WEAKENING AND THAT THIS COULD CAUSE CERTAIN "SECURITY FORCES TO TAKE THE KIND OF ACTIONS WHICH WILL WORSEN THE CLIMATE FOR DETENTE."

5. MARK MURRAY OF THE LONDON OBSERVER REPORTING IN THE WASHINGTON POST SAID THAT JAPANESE AND AMERICAN MILITARY STRATEGISTS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE BUILDUP OF SOVIET NAVAL FLEET IN THE PACIFIC. THE CHINESE ALSO EXPRESS GROWING CONCERN ABOUT THE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE PACIFIC. ANALYSTS IN TOKYO REPORT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE USING NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES, MISSILE-CARRYING DESTROYERS AND A NUMBER OF LARGE SHIPS AND SUPPLY VESSELS. JAPAN HAS PARTICULARLY EXPRESSED CONCERN BECAUSE THE NAVAL BUILDUP POSES A THREAT TO THEIR TRADE ROUTES. THE TEXT NOTES THAT ADMIRAL JAMES HOLLOWAY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, TOLD CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES USED TO HAVE OVERWHELMING CONTROL THE SEA OF JAPAN BUT THAT CONTROL NOW HAS BEEN LOST. CHRISTOPHER

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